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The Sydney Morning Herald.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1888.

THE Hon. John Sutherland, Minister for Public Works, returned to Sydney yesterday evening, having completed his tour of inspection of the Western and other railways.

The Minister for Works expresses the opinion that the present system of railway management must be altered. He is further of opinion that "the waste of material that is going on at Goulburn and other places enormous."

GREAT reforms are said to be anticipated as the outcome of Mr. Sutherland's inquiry into the working of the railway system.

The total number of hands employed in the railway motive branch at Goulburn is 148.

DURING five years, viz. from 1882 to 1886, foreign-made toys to the value of £2,838,147 were imported into the United Kingdom.

THE holders of new three per cent. consols who went from Mr. Goschen's conversion scheme will be paid off on April 5. The stock represents a total sum of £100,000.

THE market in London for Australian Government securities is depressed, owing to the scarcity of channels for investment.

BY cable we learn that the Bank of South Australia declared a dividend of 6 per cent.

TWO treaties just entered into by the Government

United States with the Chinese authorities that as numerous labourers shall enter the States for a period of five years has suggested to the Government of Victoria an expedient which can be applied to the Australian colonies. The Victorian Premier has addressed a circular letter to the Premier of the other colonies, asking for their views on the whole question, and in the object of taking joint action.

At the autumn reunion of the A. J. C. commences at Adelaide to-day. The feds do not promise to be so numerous as on previous occasions.

PREPARATIONS are being made for the opening of the Fisk Jubilee Singers at the approach of the cool weather.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers announce that they will arrive at the Opera House on the 9th of April. Since their last visit to Sydney they have travelled through New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria.

A CHORAL service, at which there was an overflow of congregation, was held at St. Andrew's Cathedral last night. Lord and Lady Carrington and a party from Government House attended. The musical portion of the service included selections from Handel's "Messiah."

SERVICES of a devotional character were held at the Protestant Episcopal Methodist Church yesterday. The congregation were large, and the services were of an impressive character.

A FULL choral service was held in the pro-Cathedral at Newcastle yesterday evening, and a sacred concert was given in the Victoria Theatre.

A MAN named W. Rae dropped dead on board a steaming steamer outside the Nobbys yesterday afternoon. The cause of death is supposed to be heart disease.

THEY were heavy rain in Melbourne yesterday, and the driving and railway excursions were poorly patronised. Life at the campment is said to be very exciting.

The Victorian revenue returns for the March quarter was a wonderful improvement. The gross takings £2,018,094. The conditions of the public finances even more satisfactory. For the nine months just ended £5,377,445 have been received. The surplus is expected to be large.

The Melbourne contingent in Hobart commenced yesterday night Elwick racecourse. Over 1000 men assembled. The display was a grand one.

On Friday was quietly observed in Adelaide. Disproportionate services were held in the Cathedral and in suburban churches.

The New Zealand Industrial Conference has drawn a report which is of a strongly protectionist character for presentation to the Government. It favours an increase of 30 per cent. duty on wearing-appear; also, an increased duty upon boots, furniture, candles, and so on, as well as a duty of 5s. upon coal.

The Wellington Opera House, which was destroyed by fire, was insured in the following offices—The Commercial, £1000; the Phoenix, £1000; the Standard, £500; the Equitable, £500; the Theatre, £100; and the New Zealand, £750.

The habit of local optionists is to put their arguments upon the ground of public morality. Scarcely a letter comes to us in which they do not claim for its writer a special regard for the moral rectitude of the people. So strongly, too, are their opinions expressed upon this view of the drunken traffic, that these who differ from them are at best considered as having no real desire for the general welfare. It is not pleasant to be suspected of being oblivious to the misfortunes of others, and yet that is the position in which the people who cannot see to the claims of the local optionists

themselves. It is an insistence on the part of prohibitionists that you must not go to the booze if by a rejection of it you are forced you have not title to be reckoned among the sheep, that drives people to more closely consider so compromising a theory. The advocates of local option point to the horrors that come through the booze in drink and ask how any thoughtful, honest, and humane man could so neglect his duty as to hesitate either to vote for the suppression of the liquor traffic, or oppose those who demand that the people at the polls decide whether they will have public houses, or declare for absolute prohibition or abstinence.

It is also a common thing to quote the names of distinguished men who have dwelt upon the national ravages of drink making, and have looked forward to the time when legislation will do the work that time would fain perform at the instant. Men like that of Mr. GLADSTONE quoted in this regard, and FARRIS in the habit of using are pulled up with striking opaness showing that the arguments must be all with local optionists. The will of the people is held to be divine in this matter, and if a majority in an electorate says "Henceforth we shall be no more public-houses," then the minority must submit.

It is strange, though, that those who so gently push these views do not consider it while here and there a man of prominence is willing them in the matter of local option, there is the army of philanthropic and moral workers in the field of social im-

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ment in the bestest case why," but they have no Minister in Baralong Government, but they have no Minister in London, and the trial may pass unperceived. Mr. Bethell, an Englishman of family, and of some fortune, for his child's right to an inheritance of £500 a-year, was a point in dispute, went out to South Africa 10 years ago, and married a native woman named Teepo, of the Baralong tribe. He was killed in an encounter with the Boers, his income was claimed on behalf of the boy to whom Teepoo subsequently gave birth. The people maintain that he was killed in England, on the

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AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRAUMOTOMY.

A correspondent of an English newspaper writes: You have heard a great deal of late of the operation of tracheotomy, and I am sure you will be glad to know of an instrument which may possibly supersede it in the near future. I have called it "intubation," and a few days ago I performed it on a patient in the hospital in which I am employed in this country. I saw the operation performed for the first time in one of our largest hospitals only a short time ago, and I have been not being a professional surgeon, to see it proposed for the Crown Prince. But the profession is too conservative. It takes a long while for it to recognise any new thing. I have written a paper on the subject, and have it printed at my own expense. Certainly most doctors have not yet heard of it.

Intubation is as simple an operation as may be. The patient when I saw it operated upon was a young man of thirty years, suffering from a severe form of diphtheria. The apparatus consists of a silver tube (Fig. 1) and a gripper (Fig. 2). At C, on the handle of the latter, is a spring, upon which the operator grips. The tube is made of a piece of rubber, the end of the steel gripper, which is the part that is to be placed inside the broad end of the tube. The spring being released, the cleft opens and the tube is then firmly on to the trachea. At A (Fig. 1) a small hole is bored, through which is threaded a piece of silk cord about a foot long. The tube being fixed on the gripper, the patient is then laid on his back, and the gripper is raised, and the operator then puts his left hand to the finger into the throat, and, being it as a guide, slides the tube gently along the inside of it with his right hand until it comes to rest on the epiglottis. The gripper is then raised, and the insertion of the tube into the oesophagus; when it is left to be in position the spring A is touched, the gripper withdrawn, and the tube left in position in the throat. I have written a paper on the subject, and I am sure that it is in the trachea; and if it be found to have gone the "wrong way," it is, of course, pulled out. Otherwise the cord, which is attached to the tube, will be below the epiglottis, the air passes, for the tube cannot be pulled out, and the patient dies.

When I saw the operation performed, the first (a child) resisted strongly, and, of course, it is not so easy to restrain a child, and the patient was not in this rough way. But very soon after the intubation I saw the child sleeping peacefully, and breathing freely, and with great improvement on tracheotomy; that is, it is probable, however, that after a little practice the patient would get so used to the intubation as hardly mind it, and it would be a fair trial of the method in cases of morbid growth, when the tube would have to be worn for a long period, it may be that the tube of this novelty is still upon its trial, and may or may not be of a very valuable invention. In the meantime, however, the patient is comfortable and practicable enough to render its description of interest.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If no change takes place to minimise the frequent delays which occur so often on the up line, until such as a duplication of rails over the down line is been adopted, the railway management will continue to be taxed with letters. The delay on Saturday last was not short of gross mismanagement, as is evident: as far as the passenger service is concerned, it is better to be delayed instead of being run into a siding for over half hour, it would have been then in time to connect at the

keep this train back on the Windsor line, seeing that engine was available to eventually bring it to Parramatta could not this same engine have continued on to Sydney and then been used to take the suburban train to Parramatta awaiting this train, and the causing annoyance and delay to hundreds of passengers? Apart from this, why is something not done to relieve the block so often occurring in the vicinity of the Redfern station? Mr. Hosking, sometime Minister for Railways, has pointed out that the Windsor line, which the tunnel had been completed for a very long time, the duplicate line has not been laid, nor is there any appearance of commencement of this work. Mr. Hosking said that the time is lost in getting the goods, and the shunting of the goods station, and an entire re-arranging of the station arrangements, with capable management, could be done in a few days, and the goods station at that station two pair of rails, if we can judge from traffic in other places, delays such as have so often been complained about of late should be reduced to a minimum.

THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Referring to a paragraph in your issue of to-day, which contains a statement that the Government are not touching the suburban traffic, I beg to point out that a great mis-statement has been made by the department. It is alleged that on race days the strain on the department is so great that the suburban traffic is not being running upon a single line of rails, that no perfect relief can be afforded until the lines are duplicated or expanded. It is a mis-statement which is not only untrue, but can be ascertained could be found with the bareheaded man, such a statement as that. The fact is that the road is a double one all the way to Penrith. The heaviest traffic is on the road between Sydney and Penrith, but it is not the road, but it is not having nothing to do with the suburban portion of the road. As for the large number of special trains running on the roads, the fact is that they are not special trains, but they are ordinary trains. They are only by no stretch of the ordinary imagination can four be looked upon as a "large number," and the fact is that the Government are not touching the suburban traffic.

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